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In the best interest of the economy, and our country, I would certainly hope that all parties would put behind us this case and abide by the settlement achieved by the U.S. government and various state attorneys'. I view this situation as very harmful to the consumer and our economy. I have always seen this case as big government representing competitors of Microsoft who were able to get the attention of key political leaders to take up their cause. I never could see the harm being brought to the consumer. Competition is tough and that is what our company and family business had to do everyday in order to succeed. I am extremely disappointed by the suit being brought by AOL. It smacks of a possible looting of the bank account of Microsoft. Nobody ever looks at the bigger picture and that is very disappointing. I view at as nothing more than greed and jealousy by our government and certain companies involved in the competitive world with Microsoft.

In all my years of watching Microsoft, I never once heard a consumer talk about being ripped off by Microsoft, I only heard a few competitors crying foul.